

Lamm's Mill
Sterner and Sleepy Hollow Roads
North Heidelberg
Berks County
Pennsylvannia

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DATE: 1844

LOCATION: Sterner and Sleepy Hollow Roads

DESIGNER: Unknown

OWNER: U.S. Government

SIGNIFICANCE: This 3½ story limestone masonry grist and saw mill was abandoned about forty years ago. The 35 by 40 feet structure replaced and earlier, ca. 1800, mill built here by "Fishers." The existing mill was built in 1844 for David and William Lamm and was remodeled about 1860.

In 1860 the mill represented \$4,000.00 capital. Its water power ran "3 run stone." The Lamm's reported that year 5000 bushels of wheat became 500 barrels of flour valued \$625.00. 2500 bushels of rye became 250 barrels of rye flour worth \$187.00. That year a saw mill at the site produced \$100.00 worth of lumber. The operation employed one laborer. There is no evidence of later improvements to this mill.

Lamm's Mill symbolizes the thriving 19th century economic life of the Bernville-Mt. Pleasant area. The prosperous Pennsylvannian German farms, Tupehocken Creek's numerous mill sites and the Union Canal route to eastern markets worked together to encourage a vigorous local economy.

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